

One of the best ways to reduce sediment and nutrient losses from the landscape is to protect sensitive riparian areas through voluntary program for land purchases, conservation easements, and the implementation of best management practices, all fundamental components of the CARA bill.

Mr. Chairman, my amendment seeks to assist conservation planning in the region through the development of a scientific sediment and nutrient monitoring network. The goal of the network is to enable States and other governmental and nongovernmental entities to make better decisions about where to direct resources and to determine which conservation measures are most appropriate in the Mississippi River Basin.

The amendment I am proposing tonight is but a single component of a far larger basin initiative that I introduced earlier this year, H.R. 4013, "The Upper Mississippi River Basin Conservation Act". We have over 18 cosponsors from eight States.

H.R. 4013 establishes the monitoring network contained in my amendment here tonight, as well as a state-of-the-art computer modeling program to identify significant sources of sediments and nutrients. It provides grants and incentives to States and counties to implement best management practices and other innovative voluntary programs. It calls for increases in the USDA highly effective but underfunded land conservation programs. Finally, it contains data protection provisions designed to protect the privacy of individual landowners in the basin, which I know is very important to a lot of property rights advocates in this body.

The legislation relies entirely on voluntary programs and creates no new regulations. I believe this approach to watershed management is the wave of the future. It is proactive rather than reactive, seeking to stop harmful nutrients and sediments before they make it into the river basin, rather than relying on expensive cleanup and mitigation efforts after the fact.

The approach is basin wide rather than piecemeal, seeking to look at the entire ecosystem and develop management plans appropriate to a large-scale physical system. Finally, this approach relies on interagency and intergovernmental cooperation attempting to coordinate the diverse but sometimes fragmented conservation efforts of Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations.

Mr. Chairman, I urge support of H.R. 4013 and invite my colleagues to join me as a cosponsor of this important piece of legislation which will better protect "America's river," the Mississippi River, and North America's largest migratory route.

Mr. Chairman, at this moment I would like to engage in a colloquy with

the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG), the chairman of my Committee on Resources.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. KIND. I yield to the gentleman from Alaska.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Chairman, I will be happy to engage in a colloquy with the gentleman.

Mr. KIND. Mr. Chairman, earlier this year, I know as the gentleman understands, I introduced H.R. 4013. It was referred to our Committee on Resources. The legislation authorizes the U.S. Geological Survey, an agency under the jurisdiction of our committee, to oversee a monitoring network and the modeling program in the upper Mississippi River Basin. And I know the gentleman is familiar with the legislation already.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. KIND) has expired.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. KIND)

Mr. KIND. Mr. Chairman, I again yield to the gentleman from Alaska.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman will continue to yield, I am familiar with the gentleman's legislation and look forward to working with him and his staff on this measure.

Mr. KIND. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, as the gentleman knows, H.R. 4013 has bipartisan support. It has also received the endorsement of a number of national and regional conservation outdoor recreation groups, farm, and environmental groups. And I am willing, based on that understanding and discussion that I have had with the gentleman and his staff, to, with unanimous consent, withdraw my amendment here tonight and work with the gentleman to establish a hearing on this important legislation some time prior to the August recess.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. I understand and appreciate the work that the gentleman has done on this measure and it is my intention that the appropriate subcommittee of the Committee on Resources will hold a public hearing on this prior to the August recess, especially this upcoming 2000 recess.

I compliment the gentleman on his good work. He has talked to me before tonight and I appreciate the gentleman withdrawing the amendment.

Mr. KIND. Mr. Chairman, with that assurance, I will ask unanimous consent to withdraw the amendment, and would also like to commend the gentleman from Alaska, the chairman of the Committee on Resources, and the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER), the ranking member, for the hard work and effort that they have put in bringing together this wide political coalition that exists, I believe, for the CARA bill. I am a proud

supporter of the bill, and I conclude by urging my colleagues to support H.R. 701 in final passage tomorrow.

Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The amendment is withdrawn.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. REGULA) having assumed the chair, Mr. PEASE, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 701) to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. MEEK of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of official business in the district.

Mr. FATTAH (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for before 5 p.m. today, on account of personal reasons.

Mr. WISE (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for May 8 and the balance of the week, on account of personal reasons.

Mr. COBLE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for after 6:30 p.m. today and on May 11, on account of official business concerning his Intellectual Property Subcommittee.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. STABENOW, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PEASE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes each day, on May 15 and 17.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S.1198. An act to establish a 3-year pilot project for the General Accounting Office to report to Congress on economically significant rules of Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. PEASE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 38 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Thursday, May 11, 2000, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7524. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Load Forecasts (RIN: 0572-AB05) received March 29, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7525. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Post-Loan Policies and Procedures for Insured Electric Loans—received March 29, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7526. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerance Technical Correction [OPP-300960A; FRL-6551-9] received March 31, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7527. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Ethoxylated Propoxylated (C12-C15) Alcohols; Tolerance Exemption, Technical Correction [OPP-300973A; FRL-6498-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received March 31, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7528. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food Distribution Programs; FDPIHO-Oklahoma Waiver Authority (RIN: 0584-AB56) received March 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7529. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Requirements for Insurance (RIN: 3133-AC22) received March 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7530. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Organization and Operations of Federal Credit Unions—received March 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7531. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Association, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Organization and Operations of Federal Credit Unions—received March 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7532. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers [Docket No. 99F-0126] received March 29, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7533. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Guidelines for Control of Existing Sources: Municipal Solid Waste Landfills [AD-FRL-6570-4] (RIN: 2060-AC42) received March 29, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7534. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revision to the California State Implementation Plan, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District [CA 236-0225a; FRL-6569-5] received March 29, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7535. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Final Exclusion [SW-FRL-6570-2] received March 29, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7536. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, San Diego County, San Joaquin Valley Unified, and Ventura County Air Pollution Control Districts [CA-157-0222, FRL-6569-9] received March 29, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7537. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 11-99 which constitutes a Request for Final Approval for the Memorandum of Understanding with the United Kingdom concerning Cooperation, Operation and Support of the Apache Attack Helicopter, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

7538. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmos-

pheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan [Docket No. 990713189-9335-02; I.D. 060899B] (RIN: 0648-AK79) received March 31, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

7539. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Model 35, 35A, 36, 36A, 55, 55B, and 55C Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-311-AD; Amendment 39-11649; AD 95-19-04 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 31, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7540. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Norwalk River, CT [CGD01-00-014] received March 31, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7541. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone Regulations; Fort Lauderdale, Florida [COTP Miami 00-030] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received March 31, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7542. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 407 Helicopters [Docket No. 99-SW-75-AD; Amendment 39-11651; AD 2000-06-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 31, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7543. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-185-AD; Amendment 39-11648; AD 2000-06-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 31, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7544. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; CFM International CFM56-2, -2A, -2B, -3, -3B, and -3C Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 99-NE-57-AD; Amendment 39-11632; AD 2000-05-22] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 31, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7545. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Israel Aircraft Industries, Ltd., Model Astra SPX Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-256-AD; Amendment 39-11587; AD 2000-04-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 31, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7546. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revision to the Water Quality Planning and Management Regulation Listing Requirements [FRL-6569-7] received March 29, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.